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EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, SY, XF

SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWS

REF: STATE 26691

WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE, EMBOFF ASKED EXTAF OFFICIAL WHETHER THERE WAS ANTHING TO RUMOR THAT CANADA HAS AGREED TO TAKE ENTIRE SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BETWEEN 4,500 AND 5,000. EXTAF REPLIED THERE WAS NO TRUTH TO RUMOR WHICH HE THOUGHT EVIDENTLY BASED ON SPECULATION IN JEWISH PRESS. HE SUGGESTED STORY POSSIBLY INSPIRES BY TWO RECENT REFUGEE APPLICATION CASES BY SYRIAN JEWS, ONE OF WHICH HAD FALLEN THROUGH AND THE OTHER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, APPLICATION HAVING BEEN FILED BY RELATIVES LIVING IN TORONTO. APPLICANT IN SYRIA WOULD REQUIRE EXIT VISA FROM SYRIAN AUTHORITIES IN ORDER PURSUE APPLICATION AT CANADIAN MISSION IN BEIRUT (WHICH ALSO ACCREDITED TO DAMASCUS). WHILE RUMOR OF ANY EXODUS TO CANADA UNFOUNDED, EXTAF SAID SYRIAN JEWS AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE WHO QUALIFIED CAN APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO CANADA AS REFUGEES. PORTER

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